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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 September 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 and 12-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 12-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

2. Claims 1-10, 12-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1-10, 12-36 define non-statutory processes because they merely manipulate an abstract idea (mathematical algorithm) without a claimed limitation to a practical application. The disclosed invention has a practical application in the technological arts (e.g. interpolatively coding input audio waveform signals); however, the claimed process, is a series of steps to be performed on a computer using a mathematical algorithm.

The disclosed invention is a method for using a computer to interpolatively code input waveform signals.

In claim 1, using a computer processor to process input audio waveform data, would overcome the 35 U.S.C. 101 rejection. In the telephone interview with Mr. Richard Ton, on May 16, 2007, it was indicated to Mr. Ton, that claims 1-10, 15-16, 19 would be allowable if the claims are amended to correct the deficiencies below including amending the claims to include "input audio waveform signals". However, claims 12-14, 17-18, 20-29, 32-33, and 34-36 are still unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 101, because they are still steps that are performed on a computer using a mathematical algorithm.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1 -10, and 12-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

For example, in claim 1, line 3, "slowly evolving waveform and other attributes", it is not clear what the applicant means by "other attributes".

Claim 3, item "i" does not exist, and therefore, does not have antecedent basis.

Claim 5, claims a "method including a system".

Claim 6, lines 3-4, "...to compute similarity or an equivalent measure..." is not clear.

Claim 7, lines 2-3, "...conducted at different rates..." is vague and indefinite.

Claim 9, lines 3-4, "...to maximize similarity or other meaningful objective..." is not clear.

Claim 12, lines 3-4, "...accumulated distortion between adjacent input waveforms and adjacent quantized and interpolated output waveforms.", is not clear.

Claim 19, line 2, "input waveform signals input signals" is not clear.

Rest of the claims are full of instances such as these, and should be addressed and corrected. Also claims 15 and 16 are rambling in nature, and it is not clear what the applicant regards as his invention. Some of the errors have been identified above, and other claims should be checked for further errors, and should be corrected.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 9/12/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. As per the interview held with the applicant's representative in early November, each claim was analyzed and the applicant was provided with suggestions as to how to amend the claims to overcome the rejections. Applicant has not overcome the 35 USC 112 and 35 USC 101 issues of the previous rejections. For example, in claim 15, there is no antecedent basis for "the input vector" in line 14. Errors such as these are present in other claims also, and need to be corrected. Also the amendments filed do not overcome the 35 USC 101 issues.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vijay B. Chawan whose telephone number is (571) 272-7601. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday Through Friday 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richemond Dorvil can be reached on (571) 272-7602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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